

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A control apparatus for a hydraulic pump, which delivers into at least one working line ~~and the~~ ~~a~~ displacement volume of ~~a~~ flow which is adjustable by ~~means of~~ an adjusting device, wherein the adjusting device is loadable with an actuating pressure, which is controlled by a control valve as a function of a first pressure and a second pressure, wherein ~~the first pressure via~~ a first pressure line [[loads]] has the first pressure load a first measuring surface and ~~the second pressure via~~ a second pressure line [[loads]] has the second pressure load an opposed second measuring surface of a volumetric flow control valve and wherein the first pressure is higher than the second pressure, wherein a pressure chamber is formed between the first and the second measuring surface ~~a pressure chamber is formed~~ and a leakage path ~~is formed from~~ connects the pressure chamber ~~in the direction of~~ to the second pressure line, wherein the pressure chamber is connected by a counterpressure line to the first pressure line, while also being arranged separately from an actuating pressure connection, and wherein said pressure chamber has the form of an annular chamber with a first delimiting portion and a second delimiting portion, each said portion having an oppositely oriented surface, which surfaces are equally sized for preventing any force from displaying a piston of the volumetric flow control valve, said annular chamber including a connection to a working pressure line ~~for preventing any force from displacing a piston of the volumetric control valve~~, which is arranged separately from an actuating pressure connection.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) The control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first pressure line is connected to a delivery-side working line connection [[(P)]], which is connected to the working line.

4. (Currently Amended) The control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second pressure line is connected to the working line in [[feed]] a flow direction downstream of a throttle point which is disposed in the working line.

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) A valve block for a control apparatus, comprising at least one recess for receiving a valve piston, which has a first measuring surface and a second, oppositely measuring surface, wherein the first measuring surface is loadable via a first pressure line with a first pressure and the second measuring surface is loadable via a second pressure line with a second pressure[[,]] which is lower than the first pressure, wherein a sealing portion is formed at the valve piston, on the side of which there is provided a pressure chamber that is remote from the second measuring surface ~~there is a pressure chamber~~, wherein the sealing portion forms a leakage path from the pressure chamber into the second pressure line, wherein the pressure chamber is connectable by a counterpressure line to the first pressure line, and a is arranged separately from an actuating pressure connection, said pressure chamber having the form of an annular chamber with the sealing portion and a further delimiting sealing

portion, each said sealing portion having an oppositely oriented surface, which are equally sized for preventing any force from displacing a piston of the volumetric control valve, said annular chamber including a connection to a working pressure line.

Claims 7, 8 and 9 (Cancelled).

10. (New) The control apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the control valve has a ground body with a bore in which the piston is movably inserted, whereby the piston has a first annular recess forming a chamber within the bore which is connected to the first pressure line, and a second annular recess forming a second chamber within the bore which is connectable to a tank pressure, and the actuating pressure connection is selectively connectable with the first or second annular recess dependent upon the position of the piston and the pressure chamber which is connected by a counterpressure line to the first pressure line being located beyond the second annular recess with regard to the first annular recess.

11. (New) The valve block according to Claim 6, wherein the valve block has a ground body with a bore in which the valve piston is movably inserted, the bore and the movable valve piston forming a first annular recess connectable to the first pressure line, and the second annular recess being connectable to a tank pressure, the actuating pressure connection being selectively connectable with the first or second annular recess dependent upon the position of the valve piston and the pressure chamber, which is connected by a counterpressure line to the first pressure line, being located beyond the second annular recess with regard to the first annular recess.